



Complete Summary

TITLE

Ambulatory surgery: percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC.

SOURCE(S)

ASC Quality Collaboration. ASC quality measures: implementation guide. Version 1.2. Ambulatory Surgery Center; 2008 Apr. 18 p.

Measure Domain

PRIMARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Outcome

The validity of measures depends on how they are built. By examining the key building blocks of a measure, you can assess its validity for your purpose. For more information, visit the [Measure Validity](#) page.

SECONDARY MEASURE DOMAIN

Does not apply to this measure

Brief Abstract

DESCRIPTION

This measure is used to assess the percentage of Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC.

RATIONALE

"Falls per 100,000 patient days" has been endorsed as a serious reportable event by the National Quality Forum (NQF). While Ambulatory Surgery Centers (ASCs) have a relatively low incidence of adverse events in general, information regarding the incidence of patient falls is not currently available. However, stakeholders have expressed a general interest in ASC oversight and the public reporting of such adverse events. Due to the use of anxiolytics, sedatives, and anesthetic agents as adjuncts to procedures, patients undergoing outpatient surgery are at increased risk for falls.

PRIMARY CLINICAL COMPONENT

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC); falls

DENOMINATOR DESCRIPTION

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions

NUMERATOR DESCRIPTION

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions experiencing a fall within the confines of the ASC (see the related "Numerator Inclusions/Exclusions" field in the Complete Summary)

Evidence Supporting the Measure

EVIDENCE SUPPORTING THE CRITERION OF QUALITY

- A clinical practice guideline or other peer-reviewed synthesis of the clinical evidence
- A formal consensus procedure involving experts in relevant clinical, methodological, and organizational sciences

Evidence Supporting Need for the Measure

NEED FOR THE MEASURE

Unspecified

State of Use of the Measure

STATE OF USE

Current routine use

CURRENT USE

Internal quality improvement

Application of Measure in its Current Use

CARE SETTING

Ambulatory Care

PROFESSIONALS RESPONSIBLE FOR HEALTH CARE

Advanced Practice Nurses
Nurses

Physician Assistants
Physicians

LOWEST LEVEL OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY ADDRESSED

Single Health Care Delivery Organizations

TARGET POPULATION AGE

Unspecified

TARGET POPULATION GENDER

Either male or female

STRATIFICATION BY VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

Characteristics of the Primary Clinical Component

INCIDENCE/PREVALENCE

Unspecified

ASSOCIATION WITH VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Unspecified

BURDEN OF ILLNESS

Unspecified

UTILIZATION

Unspecified

COSTS

Unspecified

Institute of Medicine National Healthcare Quality Report Categories

IOM CARE NEED

Staying Healthy

IOM DOMAIN

Effectiveness
Safety

Data Collection for the Measure

CASE FINDING

Users of care only

DESCRIPTION OF CASE FINDING

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions

DENOMINATOR SAMPLING FRAME

Patients associated with provider

DENOMINATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

All Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions

Exclusions

None

RELATIONSHIP OF DENOMINATOR TO NUMERATOR

All cases in the denominator are equally eligible to appear in the numerator

DENOMINATOR (INDEX) EVENT

Institutionalization

DENOMINATOR TIME WINDOW

Time window is a single point in time

NUMERATOR INCLUSIONS/EXCLUSIONS

Inclusions

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) admissions* experiencing a fall** within the confines of the ASC

**Admission*: Completion of registration upon entry into the facility.

***Fall*: A sudden, uncontrolled, unintentional, downward displacement of the body to the ground or other object, excluding falls resulting from violent blows or other purposeful actions. (National Center for Patient Safety)

Exclusions

ASC admissions experiencing a fall outside the ASC

MEASURE RESULTS UNDER CONTROL OF HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS, ORGANIZATIONS AND/OR POLICYMAKERS

The measure results are somewhat or substantially under the control of the health care professionals, organizations and/or policymakers to whom the measure applies.

NUMERATOR TIME WINDOW

Encounter or point in time

DATA SOURCE

Administrative data
Medical record
Special or unique data

LEVEL OF DETERMINATION OF QUALITY

Not Individual Case

OUTCOME TYPE

Adverse Outcome

PRE-EXISTING INSTRUMENT USED

Unspecified

Computation of the Measure**SCORING**

Rate

INTERPRETATION OF SCORE

Better quality is associated with a lower score

ALLOWANCE FOR PATIENT FACTORS

Unspecified

STANDARD OF COMPARISON

External comparison at a point in time
External comparison of time trends
Internal time comparison

Evaluation of Measure Properties

EXTENT OF MEASURE TESTING

After refining these standardized measures, the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration (QC) piloted them in a sample of ASCs and was able to confirm their feasibility and usability. On November 15, 2007, five ASC facility-level measures were endorsed by the National Quality Forum (NQF) after having gone through rigorous evaluation and consensus building.

EVIDENCE FOR RELIABILITY/VALIDITY TESTING

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Identifying Information

ORIGINAL TITLE

Patient fall in the ASC.

MEASURE COLLECTION

[Ambulatory Surgery Center \(ASC\) Quality Measures](#)

DEVELOPER

Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Quality Collaboration

FUNDING SOURCE(S)

Unspecified

COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP THAT DEVELOPED THE MEASURE

Unspecified

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES/OTHER POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Unspecified

ENDORSER

National Quality Forum

ADAPTATION

Measure was not adapted from another source.

RELEASE DATE

2008 Apr

MEASURE STATUS

This is the current release of the measure.

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MEASURE AVAILABILITY

The individual measure, "Patient Fall in the ASC," is published in "ASC Quality Measures: Implementation Guide. Version 1.2." This document is available in Portable Document Format (PDF) from the [Ambulatory Surgery Center Quality Collaboration Web site](#).

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